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HYBRID DAYLILIES

The Flowers of the Future

To those of you who may not be familiar with the new daylily hybrids let us say that within the past few years this dependable and hardy perennial of our grandmother's garden has been transformed as by a fairy wand into new and more beautiful forms. Its colors now range from palest yellow through gold, orange, pink and red to deep mahogany, garnet and maroon purple. Stunning color patterns include bicolor effects, eye markings on the petals, polychromes and blends in many pastel shades. More flowers per stem, a season of bloom lasting from spring to fall, size to fit almost any garden situation and relative freedom from disease and pests are advantages which will surely appeal to the home gardener. We predict that within a few years daylilies will become as popular and well loved as those old favorites; the rose, peony and iris.

Again this year we offer several new selections by that eminent daylily breeder, Ralph Wheeler, whose creations it has been our pleasure to bring before the gardeners of America. Each year we have been more and more impressed by the improvement in the Wheeler strain and we think it will be hard to surpass such advances in color and form as represented by **Cerise**, **Martha Washington**, or **Brandywine**. This year we are adding illustrations of some of these flowers to our catalog. The front cover represents a stem of **Martha Washington** photographed last spring in the Wheeler garden by Mr. Saxton. This stem had sixty-six buds and flowers!

Also we are listing for the first time three of our own daylily originations. Bred and grown in the Adirondacks (Zone 2) these have been selected primarily for their vigorous growth and iron-clad hardiness under the rigorous conditions of the far north. We do not recommend them for the south, but believe they will prove of value in gardens with short summer seasons and long cold winters. We can deliver but a few plants this year and orders will be accepted in rotation for August delivery.

For the Wheeler plants we recommend spring planting in the north and fall planting in the south. Fall set northern plantings should be protected the first winter. Daylilies respond amazingly to a little extra care, so if you want large showy flowers give your plants some extra water during dry spells, and an application of compost or fertilizer during the spring or early summer.

INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1948

Stanley E. Saxton

Myrna A rosy-violet self, near magenta. The flower is medium large with wide segments recurved at the tips, veined deeper. Scapes about 30" tall, somewhat arching with up to 25 buds or more. Very hardy, increases rapidly and makes a showy garden plant. **\$7.50 net**

Rosash A large, irregularly trumpet shaped flower. Segments are frilled, somewhat twisted with a narrow border resembling an embossed edge. The color is Attar of Roses (M&P 4H10). Needs to be established to perform its best. Robust plant with strong scapes about 38" tall. **\$7.50 net**

Zebra A bicolor with rust-red petals and golden-orange sepals. Medium size, regularly formed flower. Excellent grower. Scapes about 30" tall. A favorite with visitors. **\$5.00 net**

We will send one each of these three new Saxton Daylilies as a collection for only \$17.50 postpaid.

THE 1948 DAYLILY INTRODUCTIONS
OF RALPH WHEELER

Brandywine A large rich mahogany flower with purple eye zone. Orange throat. Segments very wide, sepals recurved while the ruffled petals open flat, tips sometimes twisted. 30" tall. **\$10.00**

Billie Burke A very fine bicolor with wide rosy petals and canary yellow sepals. All segments are recurved. There is a lavender sheen over the petals which gives the flower great refinement. Flowers stay open in the evening. 30" stems. Midseason. **\$10.00 net**

Cerise The strikingly beautiful coloring of this flower is produced by its rosy-crimson pile on a ground of scarlet. The throat is golden orange. Its fine form adds greatly to its beauty. The wide segments are irregularly recurved with petals very frilled. Stems 3 feet. **\$12.50**

Chanticleer A bright crimson self with a violet sheen. Throat and narrow petal midribs are orange yellow. Flower medium large, regular in form, sepals more recurved than the petals. Stems 30". Midseason. **\$12.50**

Martha Washington When Mr. Saxton visited the Wheeler garden last spring he felt this to be the most outstanding flower there. The nicely proportioned flowers are medium in size with wide overlapping petals. The three foot stems are multiflora, carrying as many as 65 flowers each. The color is a rich old rose which holds up well all day in the hot Florida sun. We are pleased to be able to offer this masterpiece in 1948. See illustration on front cover. **\$15.00 net**

Mohawk Although not a large flower, the very deep maroon-purple tone of the coloring is most effective. Flowers are star shaped with segments somewhat recurved on the tips. Late midseason. **\$5.00 net**

Naranja A clear, deep orange of clean color, even deep in the throat. Naranja opens perfectly and has great beauty of form. Well grown, the petals are $1\frac{7}{8}$ " wide and the flower reaches a spread of seven inches. The petals are ruffled and irregularly recurved. The three foot stems are well branched. Midseason. **\$15.00 net**

Tarrytown A large, roundly recurved flower with wide segments. The all-over color is one of the deep wines, close to claret, possibly a little more toward the purple. Vigorous and free blooming on three foot stems. **\$10.00 net**

This year Mr. Wheeler has selected three semi-dwarf varieties for introduction. These grow about 18" tall and have flowers about three inches across. The price of individual plants is \$4.00, or we will send all three as a collection for only \$10.00 postpaid.

Demi-Tasse A ruby-red semi-dwarf, early to flower, and being free with its stems blooms over a long period. Late midseason.

Ming Toy A semi-dwarf bicolor in magenta and orange. The deep throat makes the flower appear smaller than it really is. Very dainty.

Vega A semi-dwarf of deep wine purple set off by a bright canary throat. The small flowers have very wide segments, are well open and beautiful in both form and coloring.

COLLECTION OF NEW VARIETIES

We will send one plant each of Brandywine, Cerise, Chanticleer and Haile Selassie plus your choice of one of the semi-dwarf varieties (\$51.50 list value) for only \$35.00 prepaid to you.

General List of
WHEELER DAYLILY CREATIONS

Amherst A large, somewhat irregular flower in purple and white. The purple segments have milk white bands through the centers. The 30" stems carry proliferations. The flower opens well, its frilled petals sometimes twisted and recurved. Stock of this flower has been sold out ever since its introduction in 1946. We can deliver a few plants this summer and fall. \$25.00 net

Angelus A fine light lemon yellow self with faint eye-zone dusting. Large, wide petals, well open, segments gracefully recurved. Evergreen and especially sun resistant. Scapes 3' tall. July. \$5.00



Blackhawk One of the darkest of Wheeler's hybrids. The overall color is a very deep maroon with a bright golden throat in brilliant contrast. The flower is medium in size, cup shaped with wide petals. Scapes 2' tall, June and July. \$5.00

Bobolink A brilliant purple and yellow bicolor. Medium size flower with very wide frilled and creped petals of purple, a bit deeper than heliotrope. Sepals wide, golden yellow, with some dusting. Throat greenish gold. Stems are multi-flora, 3½' tall and have proliferations. A recurrent bloomer in the south. Late June and July. \$10.00



Brackel A deep mahogany flower with a most unusual texture to the petals. The color pattern resembles a brocaded design in rich deep wine and brownish red shades. Color varies from day to day. A vigorous grower and recurrent bloomer in the south. Stems 2½'. July. \$7.50

Duncan Wheeler's earliest blooming dark maroon flower. Segments a deep maroon red. A golden throat contrasts well with the petal color. Foliage is light green, increases rapidly. Stems 2½'. May, June. \$2.50

Easter Morn A daylily of finest form. Rounded, overlapping petals of deep buff yellow with a lavender-brown dusting at the midzone. Over 3' tall the sturdy well branched stems carry their large flowers with great distinction. \$7.50 net



Ganymede An unusual flower form in delicate, beautiful coloring. The petals are very wide, creped, frilled, tightly recurved and of a rosy lilac shade. The sepals are flaring, somewhat quilled, light sulphur yellow dusted the petal color. The flower is medium large and blooms in midseason on two foot stems. \$15.00 net

Ruby Supreme

Halo

Haile Selassie

Haile Selassie A large, very deep maroon-purple toned flower. The petals are solidly colored excepting for a narrow almost white midvein. The sepals are a shade lighter than the petals with the white center band much wider. The throat is greenish yellow in fine contrast. Midseason. 3' tall. **\$12.50**

Halo Most attractive in form with wide frilled petals, the tips slightly twisted. Light yellow with faint dusting high up on the petals and again on the petal tips. Useful for evening decoration as it opens at night and lasts through the next day. Robust plant with 3' scapes. June and July. **\$6.00**

Hazel Sawyer An unusual shade of lavender pink. The medium large flowers on three foot scapes open well, the petals being frilled and recurved. Vigorous, increases rapidly and makes a fine garden subject. **\$7.50**

Luridum A large flower with wide recurved petals and sepals somewhat twisted. The color is a bright red on the scarlet, sepals a bit lighter than petals with golden veins. Greenish gold throat. Blooms midseason on stems about 3' tall. **\$7.50 net**

Ohred A striking bright red daylily. The flower is large with wide recurving segments. Throat greenish yellow. Many flowers on the stem which is about 2½' tall. June and July. Sometimes repeats. **\$5.00**

Royal Lady A bicolor with deep but bright violet purple petals, shading lighter toward the tips and edges. The throat and sepals are canary yellow, the latter slightly dusted. The form is most unusual with recurved sepals but petals flaring and pinched toward the tips. The effect is graceful and piquant. Late midseason. 3 feet. **\$12.50**

Ruby Supreme An outstandingly large, deep ruby red flower to seven inches in spread with very wide petals. Main color is antique ruby, sepals a little lighter. Throat greenish gold. Scapes are about 3 feet tall, multiflora carrying many flowers. Strong grower. A show winner and highly rated. Late June and July. **\$7.50**

Scarlet Sunset Our choice as the purest vermilion scarlet of all of Mr. Wheeler's hybrids. A self, both petals and sepals being the same shade. Throat cadmium yellow. The color is so intense that even the buds are orange vermilion. Regular form and medium in size, segments somewhat reflexed. **\$15.00**

Tom Thumb A dwarf red daylily growing about a foot tall. The three inch flowers are a bright red, form regular. Fine for the rock garden. Blooms in midseason. Stock is scarce. **\$5.00 net**



Brackel
Bobolink
Hazel Sawyer

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY COLLECTION

BRACKEL — Finest mahogany brown	\$7.50
HALO — Beautiful night blooming pastel	6.00
HAZEL SAWYER — Rare lavender-pink	7.50
RUBY SUPREME — Largest ruby-red	7.50

Total list value \$28.50

The above four varieties include a wide color range and have been tested throughout the country. They will make you a daylily enthusiast. We will send one plant of each variety for only \$19.50 prepaid to you. Or you may select any three varieties for \$15.00 prepaid.

Extras With an order for the **Wheeler named varieties** amounting to \$25.00 or more, you may select extra stock amounting to 20% of the order amount. With a \$50.00 order you may select 30% additional in Wheeler plants. Only one plant to a customer of varieties marked "net." No extras on the collections or mixed hybrids.

Garden Clubs and Dealers. If you can use six or more each of individual varieties we will extend to you our wholesale rates. We also offer Special Collections to Garden Clubs. Write us for details if interested.

Kodachrome Slides and Prints We have a very lovely collection of kodachromes depicting almost every variety of the Wheeler daylilies offered. These will show you exactly how these beautiful flowers look in the garden. They are available for loan to garden clubs or responsible individuals contemplating purchase of several plants. When requesting these, kindly list the flowers in which you are interested. Libraries, lecturers or collectors may purchase individual slides of selected varieties for 30c each; six different slides for \$1.50; or twelve assorted for \$2.75 prepaid.

DAYLILIES FOR NATURALIZING

Daylilies are particularly effective planted in drifts along drives, or massed in mixed colors in the border. For those who wish color and quantity of bloom with a minimum investment we offer a selection of Wheeler hybrids in mixed colors. We have shipped thousands of these for park and civic display and highly recommend them for decoration. The plants shipped are divisions from varieties which have already flowered for several years. **These are shipped F.O.B. Orlando, Florida.**

25 plants	\$6.00	100 plants	\$17.50
50 plants	\$10.00	500 plants	\$60.00

OUR LIST OF FINE STANDARD VARIETIES

Orders from this list must total at least \$3.00 for prepaid shipment.

Some varieties can be shipped only in August or September.

ALADDIN (Stout). Deep yellow with showy garnet eye-zone	\$1.25
AUREOLE Best early deep yellow in our northern garden60
AUTUMN RED (Nesmith). Late tall red. Fine. August	3.00
BARONET (Stout). Brightest early red. Fine form. 2' tall. June	1.50
BERTRAM H. FARR (Stout). Large salmon pink. One of our favorites	3.00
CABALLERO (Stout). Striking rose-yellow bicolor	2.50

CHENGTU (Stout). Late orange-red. Very showy, rapid grower	1.00
CRAEMORE RUBY (Plouf). Ruby red	1.25
DUCHESS OF WINDSOR (Traub). Wide petaled cream pastel. 2' tall	5.00
EMPEROR JONES (Hayward). Fine purple maroon, good grower	5.00
FLORIDA (Hayward). Delicate rose and buff flower	2.50
FULVA CYPRIANA (Species). Taller and deeper toned Europa50
FULVA ROSEA-ROSALIND (Stout). Most beautiful rose species	4.00
GOLDEN DREAM (Betscher). Still the best low priced orange60
GYPSY-CRESSIDA (Betscher). Bronze-orange. Wide petals. Excellent75
GYPSY FLAME (Nesmith). Tall, strong. Many flowers flushed red.	1.50
HESPERUS (Sass). Very fine large light yellow. Highly rated	3.00
HYPERIAN (Mead). Queen of Midwest Daylily Show - 194775
J. A. CRAWFORD (Betscher). Large, showy, medium yellow75
LINDA (Stout). Very attractive pastel bicolor. Deeper eye-zone	1.00
MACULATA (Species). Large brilliant reddish orange. Recommended75
MARGARET PERRY (Perry). Late fulvous red with light midstripe35
MELO (Norton). Tall, handsome midseason buff yellow. A favorite	2.00
MIKADO (Stout). Popular deep orange yellow with mahogany eye-zone50
MONGOL (Norton). Extremely large medium yellow. Ruffled petals	3.00
NUBIANA (Hayward). Chocolate red. Very deep color	2.00
OSCEOLA (Hayward). Brick red overcast purple	2.00
PEONY RED (Traub). Deep purplish red, very fine flower	2.25
PINK CHARM (Nesmith). Expert's favorite as outstanding pink	5.00
PIQUANT (Nesmith). Tall, floriferous, rose-pink. Highly rated	5.00
RAJAH (Stout). Deep orange with garnet eye-zone. Very effective	1.50
RALPH WHEELER (Hayward). Gold; dusted fulvous red. Fine form	1.50
SERENADE (Stout). Tall, cool pastel pink and yellow. Frilled petals	1.00
SACHEM (Stout). Fine tall bright red. Midseason	2.00
SONNY (Stout). Rare light yellow. Fine form. Rather late season	2.00
SOUDAN (Stout). Wide petaled deep yellow. Dependable	1.25
SUNNY WEST (Sass). Large, extremely light yellow. Fine	1.50
TAHITI BELLE (Hayward). Very deep brownish red	2.00
THERON (Stout). Deepest maroon purple. Strong grower. 2' tall	2.00
WAUBUN (Stout). Medium yellow flushed red. Twisted petals. Lovely	1.50
WOODRIDGE (Norton). Bright red and yellow bicolor. Rare	2.00

We have a collection of over 300 named varieties and welcome inquiries for rare sorts.

BEGINNER'S COLLECTION. For \$3.00 we will send you six named daylilies, our choice of varieties, in a good color range including one \$1.00 variety. Shipped postpaid in August.

TERMS Plants will be shipped at proper planting time or as you direct. Since we cannot govern growing conditions, we cannot be responsible for plants after delivery to you, excepting that we will replace any variety not true to name. We supply large plants which should bloom for you at the following blooming season. We want you to be pleased and welcome suggestions which will improve our service. Terms are cash with order or 25% down and balance before shipment when latter is deferred. We do not ship COD. Orders for rare sorts filled in rotation as received.

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When you have finished with this catalog we would greatly appreciate your handing it to a gardener friend who may be interested in daylilies. Thank you.

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